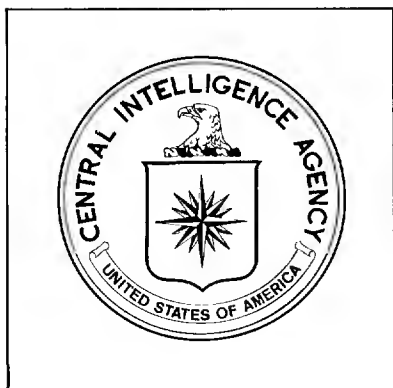


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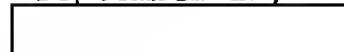
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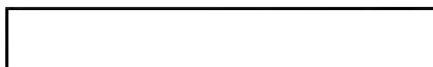
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Soviet Disarmament Proposal

Moscow has announced that its annual showcase disarmament proposal for the United Nations General Assembly this year will take the form of a draft treaty banning all testing of nuclear weapons. One key purpose of the exercise is to embarrass the Chinese.

As with previous Soviet proposals, Moscow avoids making any significant concessions. All nuclear weapons tests in any environment would be banned, and verification of compliance would be by "national technical means" rather than by an international body. Exempted from the ban would be "peaceful" underground nuclear explosions. States without nuclear weapons could conduct "peaceful" explosions as provided in the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, while nuclear weapon states would negotiate a new accord to cover their activities. The treaty would not come into effect until all nuclear weapon states, including China and France, had agreed. Furthermore it would have no time limit; any signatory would be able to withdraw if it felt the treaty conflicted with its "higher interests."

Moscow obviously is following the same propaganda route it took with proposals for a World Disarmament Conference (1971), a permanent ban on the use of nuclear weapons (1972), a reduction of military budgets (1973), and bans on environmental modification (1974). Its lack of consultation with the other nuclear states before announcing its latest proposal and the foreordained opposition of China and France show that Moscow expects no serious negotiations on the subject.

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East Germany: Concern Over Youth

Party officials are showing increased concern over the indifferent and often negative attitudes of young people. A lack of enthusiasm for the party's youth organization--always a problem--has evidently been compounded by rising hopes among some segments of the youth for more contacts with the West as a result of the Helsinki summit.

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The fact that working youths, whom the regime likes to tout as examples of "proletarian discipline

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and socialist work ethics," are causing many of the problems must be particularly galling to the leadership. The result could well be an intensified indoctrination of all young people.

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